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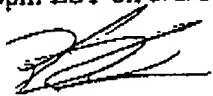
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COMMENTS

Mr. Lavarias,

Attached is a draft copy of amendments to discuss in a telephone interview scheduled for 2:00pm EST on 3/8/04. Thank you,


Kurt Eaton

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Examiner Interview on 3/8/04.
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re application of

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Eric MARTINEZ, et al.

Group Art Unit: 2872

Application No.: 09/973,070

Examiner: LAVARIAS, Arnel C.

Filed: October 10, 2001

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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS PROVIDING FIBER OPTIC CABLES
THROUGH GAS SERVICE PIPES**

REPLY UNDER CFR 37 § 1.111

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Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Examiner's Non-Final Office Action dated October 15, 2003, the following remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.